



Visiting Our Nation's Capitol



Arlington National Cemetery (www.arlingtoncemetery.org)

- ✚ View the graves of Presidents William Howard Taft and John F. Kennedy, Omar Bradley, and other American heroes. The Changing of the Guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier occurs every hour on the hour during winter months and every half hour during the summer months. Visitors can also see Arlington House/Custis-Lee Mansion restored to its pre-Civil War appearance when Robert E. Lee lived there.
- ✚ *The cemetery is open daily, October to March from 8 am-5 pm and April to September from 8 am-7 pm. The mansion is open daily, October to March from 9:30 am-4:30 pm and April through September from 9:30 am- 6pm. Admission is free.*
- ✚ For Cemetery information, call (703) 607-8000. For Arlington House information, call (703) 557-0613.
- ✚ **Metro: Arlington Cemetery. ?**

Bureau of Engraving and Printing (www.moneyfactory.com)

- ✚ 14th and C Streets, SW, Washington, D.C.
- ✚ Tour the largest producer of security documents in the U.S. where over 9 billion Federal Reserve notes and 20 billion postage stamps are produced each year.
- ✚ *Tours are run from 10 am -6 pm, Monday-Friday every 15 minutes (Congressional groups are reserved for 8:15 am and 8:45 am). During peak season (March-August), tickets are required and distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis on Raoul Wallenberg Place. Please bear in mind that the booth opens at 8 am. The line forms early and most tickets are distributed by 8:30 am.*
- ✚ For information, please call 866-874-2330.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

Dumbarton Oaks (www.doaks.org)

- ✚ 1703 32nd St, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007.
- ✚ A 19th century mansion with 10 acres of gardens.
- ✚ *Museum is open Tuesday to Sunday 2-5 pm; gardens are open Tuesday-Sunday 2-6 pm. Closed all federal holidays. Admission to enter gardens is \$6 for adults, \$4 for children and senior citizens.*
- ✚ For information, please call 202-339-6409.
- ✚ **Metro: Dupont Circle. ?**

Federal Bureau of Investigation (www.fbi.gov)

- ✚ E Street between 9th and 10th Streets, NW, Washington, D.C. 20535.
- ✚ *The F.B.I. is closed for tours due to extensive renovations.*
- ✚ For periodic updates, please call (202) 324-3447.

FDR Memorial (www.nps.gov/fdrm/home.htm)

- ✚ 1850 West Basin Drive, SW, Washington, D.C. 20024.
- ✚ This 7.5 acre memorial consists of four outdoor gallery rooms featuring ten bronze sculptures depicting President and Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt and events from the Great Depression and World War II. The park-like setting includes waterfalls and granite carvings with FDR's inspiring words.
- ✚ *Open 8 am-midnight except on Christmas.*
- ✚ For information, please call 202-426-6841.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

Ford's Theatre and Lincoln Museum (www.nps.gov/foth)

- ✚ 517 Tenth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004.
- ✚ This beautifully restored 19th-century showplace features theater's best. The Lincoln Museum has over 400 historic objects that tell the story of Lincoln's assassination. Peterson's Boarding House where Lincoln died is across the street.
- ✚ *Open Monday-Wednesday, Friday from 9 am to 5pm and Thursday, Saturday, Sunday from 9 am to 1 pm, except during performances and Christmas. Admission is free.*
- ✚ For information, please call 202-426-6924.
- ✚ **Metro: Metro Center. ? ? ?**

Georgetown Park

- ✚ 3222 M Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20007.
- ✚ Built in the 1800's, this historic site once housed horse-drawn omnibuses. In the 1960's, the White House used the site for the Situation Room and first Moscow hotline. While building the current Victorian-style shopping center, archaeologists unearthed thousands of artifacts now on permanent display in the Park Museum.
- ✚ *This park is open daily.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-342-8190.
- ✚ **Metro: Foggy Bottom. ? ?**

International Spy Museum (www.spymuseum.org)

- ✚ 800 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20004.
- ✚ The International Spy Museum explores the craft, practice, history, and contemporary job of espionage. Gain access to the world's largest collection of international espionage artifacts ever placed on public display.
- ✚ *The museum is open from 10 am to 8pm April-September and from 10am to 6 pm October-March. Tickets are \$13 for adults, \$12 for seniors, \$10 for children age 5-11, and free for children under the age of 5. Tickets are required for entry and may be purchased at the lobby or through Ticketmaster.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-654-0960.
- ✚ **Metro: Gallery Place-Chinatown. ? ?**

Jefferson Memorial (www.nps.gov/thje/home.htm)

- ✚ Tidal Basin, south end of 15th St, SW, Washington, D.C.
- ✚ The 19-foot bronze statue of the third president stands beneath a rotunda inscribed with passages from Declaration of Independence and Jefferson's other famous writings.
- ✚ *The memorial is open from 8am-midnight every day, except Christmas. Guided tours are available by appointment.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-426-6841.
- ✚ **Metro: L'Enfant Plaza. ? ? ? ?**

John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts (www.kennedy-center.org)

- ✚ 2700 F St NW, Washington, D.C. 20566.
- ✚ The independent, privately supported national performing arts center houses six magnificent theaters for drama, ballet, music, comedy, films, and commissioned works.
- ✚ *Hours and prices vary according to event. Free guided tours are offered daily Monday to Friday from 10 am-5 pm and Saturday to Sunday from 10 am to 1 pm. The Center also offers free performances everyday at 6 p.m. on the Millennium stage; no tickets are required.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 800-444-1324.
- ✚ **Metro: Foggy-Bottom-GWU ? ? (Take the free Show Shuttle to and from the Center.)**

Korean War Veterans Memorial (www.nps.gov/kwvm)

- ✚ Adjacent to the Reflecting Pool, Washington, D.C.
- ✚ Built by the Korean War Veterans Memorial Advisory Board at a cost of \$18 billion in donated funds, this powerful memorial, located on a 2.2 acre site adjacent to the Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool, features a sculpted column of 19 foot soldiers arrayed for combat, with the American flag as their symbolic objective. A 164 foot mural wall is inscribed with the words "Freedom is Not Free" and is etched with 2,500 photographic images of military personnel to symbolize the vast effort that sustained military operations.
- ✚ *The memorial is open every day except Christmas.*

- ✚ For more information, please call 202-426-6841.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

Library of Congress (www.loc.gov)

- ✚ 10 First Street SE, Washington, D.C. 20540.
- ✚ The world's largest library, the Library of Congress contains over 111 million items in three buildings. The 1897 Thomas Jefferson Building houses one of the world's three perfect copies of the Gutenberg Bible and a permanent rotating exhibit of "American Treasures of the Library of Congress." The Main Reading Room can be viewed from the Visitors Gallery.
- ✚ *Open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 5:30 pm; closed all federal holidays. Admission is free. Tours are offered at 10:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, and 3:30 pm. A 12 minute film is shown continuously in the Visitors' Center in the Jefferson Building.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-707-8000.
- ✚ **Metro: Capitol South. ? ?**

Lincoln Memorial (www.nps.gov/linc)

- ✚ West Potomac Park at 23rd St, NW, Washington, D.C.
- ✚ A 19 foot marble statue of President Lincoln is flanked by inscriptions from his Second Inaugural Address and the famous Gettysburg Address.
- ✚ *The Memorial is open daily except for Christmas, and admission is free. A park ranger is present from 8 am until midnight.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-426-6841
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

Marine Corps Memorial/Iwo Jima Statue (www.nps.gov/gwmp/usmc.htm)

- ✚ Route 50, near Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia.
- ✚ One of the largest bronze statues ever cast, this 78-foot memorial commemorates all Marines who have died in battle since 1775. Felix W. de Weldon created the monument from the famous photograph showing the flag being raised on Mount Suribachi during World War II.
- ✚ *The Memorial is open 24 hours a day and admission is free.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-426-6841
- ✚ **Metro: Rosslyn. ? ?**

Mount Vernon Estate and Garden (www.mountvernon.org)

- ✚ George Washington Parkway, Mount Vernon, VA 22121.
- ✚ Stretching over 500 acres overlooking the Potomac River and 16 miles from Washington, D.C., the Estate was home to our first president. Visitors can tour the mansion, Washington's tomb, museums, 12 outbuildings, and gardens. Special tours are available seasonally.
- ✚ *The Estate is open daily April to August from 8 am to 5 pm; in November to February from 9 am to 4pm and in March, September, and October from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission is \$11 for adults, \$10.50 for seniors, \$5 for kids ages 6-11, and free for those 5 and under.*

- ✚ For more information, please call 703-780-2000.

National Aquarium (www.nationalaquarium.com)

- ✚ Department of Commerce Building at 14th and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington DC 20230.
- ✚ The nation's first public aquarium has 70 tanks housing rare sea turtles, alligators, sharks, piranha, and 1200 other specimens of marine life.
- ✚ *The aquarium is open daily from 9 am to 5 pm except Christmas. Admission is \$17.50 for adults, \$14.50 for senior citizens and \$9.50 for children ages 2-10.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 410-576-3800.
- ✚ **Metro: Federal Triangle. ? ?**

National Archives (www.nara.gov)

- ✚ Constitution Avenue between 7th and 9th NW, Washington, D.C. 20408.
- ✚ View the original Declaration of Independence, the Bill of Rights, and the Constitution, as well as other authentic pieces of American history.
- ✚ *The archives are open from 10 am to 7 pm from April through Memorial Day, 10 am to 9 pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day, and from 10 am to 5:30 pm from Labor Day until March 31. Closed on Christmas. Exhibition entrance is on Constitution Avenue. Admission is free.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-501-5404.
- ✚ **Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial. ? ?**

National Building Museum (www.nbm.org)

- ✚ 401 F Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.
- ✚ Housed in the historic Pension Building, the museum presents exhibits on all aspects of architecture, building, and historic preservation. The permanent "Washington: Symbol and City" exhibit chronicles the building of the Nation's capital city.
- ✚ *Open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday from 11 am to 5 pm. Tours are conducted daily starting at 12:30 pm. Closed New Years Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. Admission is free.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-272-2448.
- ✚ **Metro: Judiciary Square. ?**

National Cathedral (www.cathedral.org/cathedral)

- ✚ Massachusetts and Wisconsin Avenues, NW, Washington, D.C.
- ✚ A 14th century Gothic cathedral, garden, and shops, set on 57 acres. An observation gallery offers a magnificent view of D.C. and surrounding areas.
- ✚ *The cathedral is open Sundays 8 am to 6:30 pm, Monday-Friday 10 am to 5:30 pm and Saturdays 9:30 am to 5 pm. Tours are given Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 11:30 am, 12:45 pm-3:30 pm and Sunday from 12:45 pm-2:30 pm except during services. Suggested donation is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-537-6200.

National Gallery of Art (www.nga.gov)

- ✚ 4th and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20565.
- ✚ Permanent collection of European and American paintings, sculpture, decorative arts, plus changing exhibitions from around the world.
- ✚ *Open Monday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm and Sunday 11 am to 6 pm except for New Year's Day and Christmas. Admission is free.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-737-4215.
- ✚ **Metro: Archives-Navy Memorial. ? ?**

National Mall (www.nps.gov/nama)

- ✚ Between Constitution and Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C.
- ✚ A splendid green park area extending about two miles from the U.S. Capitol to the Washington Monument. Lining either side of the park near the Capitol are 200 year old American elm trees, several of the Smithsonian museums, the National Archives, and the National Gallery of Art.
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-426-6841.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

National World War II Memorial (www.nps.gov/nwwm)

- ✚ 17th Street, between Constitution and Independence Ave. Washington, D.C.
- ✚ The National World War II Memorial, located on the National Mall, commemorates the sacrifice and celebrates the victory of the WWII generation. The World War II Memorial creates a distinct, evocative and serene tribute yet remains respectful and sensitive to its historic surroundings. The memorial's dedication was on May 29, 2004.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

Rock Creek National Park (www.nps.gov/rocr)

- ✚ 3545 Williamsburg Lanes, NW, Washington, D.C. (202) 895-6000.
- ✚ Rustic expanse of 1,754 acres surrounding Rock Creek Park. The Park offers riding stables, tennis courts, picnic areas, golf course, an art gallery, nature center, and a network of trails.
- ✚ *Open daily dawn to dusk. Admission is free.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-895-6070.
- ✚ **Metro: Cleveland Park. ?**

Smithsonian Institution Group

(www.si.edu) The Smithsonian Institution Group offers some of the world's finest museums covering a wide range of ideas and a wealth of knowledge. *Unless otherwise indicated, all facilities are open from 10 AM to 5:30 PM (with extended summer hours) and closed on December 25. Admission is free. 202-357-2700.*

Smithsonian Institution Building-Visitor Information Center-"The Castle"

- ✚ 1000 Jefferson Drive, SW.
- ✚ The oldest Smithsonian museum houses the crypt of founder James Smithsonian, theaters, models of Washington, interactive touch-screen programs, electronic wall maps, and multilingual information and assistance.
- ✚ *Walk in tours are available Friday through Saturday.*
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

Anacostia Museum

- ✚ 1901 Fort Place, SE.
- ✚ Collection, study, and exhibition of African-America history, art, and culture.
- ✚ **Metro: Anacostia. ?**

Arts and Industries Building

- ✚ Currently under renovation.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

Freer Gallery of Art

- ✚ 12th and Jefferson Drive, SW.
- ✚ Outstanding Asian art collection, plus 19th and 20th century American works.

Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden

- ✚ 7th and Independence Ave, SW.
- ✚ Collection of 19th and 20th century painting and sculpture in a striking cylindrical structure and adjoining garden. Exhibitions explore the newest trends in modern art.
- ✚ **Metro: L'Enfant Plaza. ? ? ? ?**

National Air and Space Museum

- ✚ 6th and Independence Ave, SW.
- ✚ The world's most visited museum highlights the history, science, and technology of aviation and modern space flight. See the Wright Brother's 1903 Flyer, Lindberg's "Spirit of St. Louis," the Apollo 11 lunar command module, and an incredible collection of aviation and space treasures. Einstein Planetarium presents a free constellations program daily at 3 pm.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian or Federal Center SW. ? ?**

Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center

- ✚ Located at Washington Dulles International Airport.
- ✚ The Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum has built a new museum for the display and preservation of its collection of historic aviation and space artifacts. The Udvar-Hazy Center provides much needed space for the objects that tell the history of aviation and space flight.
- ✚ *Open daily 10 am to 5:30 pm; Closed Christmas.*

National Museum of African Art

- ✚ 950 Independence Ave, SW.
- ✚ This museum is devoted to African Art collection and exhibition.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

National Museum of American Art

- ✚ Currently under renovation, scheduled to reopen in 2006.

National Museum of American History

- ✚ 14th and Constitution Ave, NW.
- ✚ Explore the history of science, technology, and culture in America.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian or Federal Triangle. ? ?**

National Museum of the American Indian (Scheduled to open September 21, 2004)

- ✚ 4th Street and Independence Avenue, SW.
- ✚ The sixteenth museum of the Smithsonian Institution, it is the first national museum dedicated to the preservation, study, and exhibition of the life, languages, literature, history, and arts of Native Americans.
- ✚ *Open daily 10 am to 5:30 pm; Closed Christmas.*
- ✚ **Metro: Federal Center SW. ? ?**

National Museum of Natural History

- ✚ 10th and Constitution Ave, NW.
- ✚ This museum is dedicated to the natural world and our place in it. See the 45.5 carat Hope Diamond, dinosaur fossils, Insect Zoo, and the world's largest elephant, among 120 million objects.
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian and Federal Triangle. ? ?**

National Portrait Gallery

- ✚ Currently under renovation, scheduled to reopen in 2006.

National Postal Museum

- ✚ 2 Massachusetts Ave, NE.
- ✚ Explore the history of postal communications with unique collection of airmail planes, stagecoaches, rare stamps and letters.
- ✚ **Metro: Union Station. ?**

National Zoological Park

- ✚ 3000 block of Connecticut Ave, NE.
- ✚ See over 3,000 exotic animals, birds, reptiles, and two giant pandas.
- ✚ *Open daily from 6 am to 6 pm October to April and 6 am to 8 pm from April to October; animal buildings are open 10 am to 6. Admission is free. Guided and group tours are available by appointment.*
- ✚ For more information, please call (202) 673-4717.
- ✚ **Metro: Woodley Park-Zoo. ?**

Renwick Gallery

- ✚ 17th and Pennsylvania Ave, NW.
 - ✚ Collection of 19th and 20th century American Arts and Crafts.
 - ✚ **Metro: Farragut West. ?**
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Supreme Court (www.supremecourtus.gov)

- ✚ 1st Street and Maryland Ave, NE, Washington, D.C.
- ✚ The Supreme Court is the highest tribunal in the Nation for all cases and controversies arising under the Constitution or the laws of the United States.
- ✚ *Open Monday-Friday 9 am-4:40 pm with lectures every hour on the half hour 9:30 am-3:30 pm when not in session.*
- ✚ For more information, please call (202) 479-3211. Reservations through Congressman Mica's office are recommended.
- ✚ **Metro: Capitol South or Union Station. ? ? ?**

United States Capitol (www.aoc.gov)

- ✚ Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. 20515.
- ✚ Under the magnificent Rotunda, Congress meets to shape legislative policy.
- ✚ *The Capitol is open for guided tours only. It is open Monday-Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm (to 8 pm from Memorial Day to Labor Day) except New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas. Admission is free, but tickets are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis, at the Capitol Guide Service kiosk located along the curving sidewalk southwest of the Capitol (near the intersection of First Street, SW and Independence Avenue). Ticket distribution begins at 9 am daily. Visit your Congressman or Senator for passes to the House or Senate Galleries.*
- ✚ For more information, please call (202) 225-6827.
- ✚ **Metro: Capitol South or Union Station. ? ? ?**

United States Holocaust Memorial Museum (www.ushmm.org)

- ✚ 100 Raoul Wallenberg Place, SW, Washington, D.C.
- ✚ This somber and moving museum tells the story of the Holocaust through artifacts, films, photographs, and oral histories.
- ✚ *Open daily from 10 am-5:30 pm. Admission is free, but timed tickets are required to view the permanent collection. Each day, 2,000 same day tickets are given out. Advance tickets are available tickets.com or by calling 1-800 400-9373. The permanent exhibition is not recommended for children under age 11. Tickets are not required to enter the exhibition or to visit the Wexner Learning Center, Hall of Remembrance, or the special exhibits.*
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

United States Naval Observatory (www.usno.navy.mil)

- ✚ 3450 Massachusetts Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20392.
- ✚ Visit with staff astronomers, see the Master Clock, make observations through telescopes (weather permitting), and see a video presentation on the mission and history of the observatory.

- ✚ *A free tour is conducted on alternating Monday nights at 8:30 pm-10:00 pm, except on federal holidays.*
- ✚ For more information, please call (202) 762-1467.

Vietnam Veterans Memorial (www.nps.gov/vive)

- ✚ 21st and Constitution Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.
- ✚ This modern v-shaped memorial of black granite is inscribed with the names of 58,229 people missing or killed in the Vietnam War. Directories help locate names on the wall; name rubbings are available upon request.
- ✚ *Open 24 hours a day; a park ranger is on site from 9:30 am-12 midnight.*
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

Washington Monument (www.nps.gov/wamo)

- ✚ 15th and Constitution, NW, Washington, D.C. 20071.
- ✚ One of the tallest masonry structures in the world, this majestic obelisk was dedicated in 1885 to the memory of our first president.
- ✚ *The Washington Monument is open from 9 am-5 pm; it is closed on Christmas. Tickets are required for entrance and may be obtained at the ticket kiosk on the corner of 15th St and Madison Ave. These tickets are free and are distributed on a first-come, first serve basis. Kiosk hours are from 8 am to 4:30 pm, but tickets run out early. Tickets may be purchased in advance by calling 1-800-967-2283 or over the internet at www.reservations.nps.gov. Those making reservations in advance will be charged a \$1.50 service fee per ticket, plus a \$.50 handling fee per order.*
- ✚ **Metro: Smithsonian. ? ?**

White House (www.whitehouse.gov)

- ✚ 1600 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, D.C. 20502.
- ✚ The home of every President since John Adams.
- ✚ *White House tours are available on a limited basis through Congressman Mica's office. Please contact my Washington, D.C. office for more information. The White House visitors center, located at the southeast corner of 15th and E St. significantly enhances any White House tour by showcasing White House architecture, furnishings, first families, social events and relations with the press and world leaders. The Center is open seven days a week from 7:30 am to 4 pm except for Christmas and New Year's Day.*
- ✚ For more information, please call 202-208-1631.
- ✚ **Metro: McPherson Square or Metro Center. ? ? ?**